BLUEPRINT FOR LEARNING

a space design grant opportunity
The greater Pittsburgh region has become a national hub for innovative learning. Among the most notable features of the regional learning ecosystem are the many transformations of classrooms, libraries, and other learning spaces. However, there is still much work to be done to share and spread what’s working, while supporting organizational capacity across the field and establishing a regional growth model for innovation in space design.

Blueprint for Learning is a Remake Learning funding opportunity that will provide 16 grants of up to $50,000 to help schools, out-of-school time organizations, early childhood facilities, museums, libraries, and higher education institutions reimagine, redesign, and remake their learning spaces.

The Blueprint for Learning funding cohort will embed and embody years of research, development, and practice in learning space design. Cohort organizations will learn how to operate as a local leader or “hub” for space design, sharing best practices and learning collaboratively with other organizations throughout the region.

For related background, research, and inspiration, download the Space to Learn publication (remakelearning.org/space-to-learn).

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PROCESS & PARTICIPATION

The Blueprint for Learning application, review, and award process will be administered in three phases over six months, from July to December 2019. Please review the participation requirements and the timeline carefully.

To receive a Blueprint for Learning grant, all 16 cohort finalists MUST complete ALL THREE phases of the process and participate in ALL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES, including team participation in cohort design sessions.

While not required, all applicants are encouraged to attend the Remake Learning Space Design Summit on July 11-12.

For questions on the grant process or participant requirements, contact apply@remakelearning.org.

REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Submit a Blueprint for Learning Letter of Intent at remakelearning.org/grants by July 31, 2019.

Applicants selected as cohort finalists must:

- Attend cohort design sessions with an organizational team of at least 3 members. Sessions will be scheduled with the learning cohort and facilitators from Remake Learning and Reimagine America’s Schools. Total time commitment will be approximately 30-35 hours, September-November.

- Complete all design session deliverables and final grant application.

- Agree to receive grant funds no earlier than November 29, 2019, contingent on successful team completion of design sessions and final deliverables.
## PHASE 1: JULY 2019  LETTER OF INTENT & SPACE DESIGN SUMMIT

**July 11-12**
Remake Learning’s two-day Space Design Summit.

**July 31**
Letter of Intent due.

- **All applicants must complete and submit a Letter of Intent.**

## PHASE 2: AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019  REVIEW & COHORT ANNOUNCED

**August**
Blueprint for Learning advisory committee reviews Letters of Intent.

**September**
Remake Learning announces the 16 Blueprint for Learning cohort finalists.

**September 11-13**
*Cohort Design Session 1*, hosted in partnership with Reimagine America’s Schools.

- **All cohort finalists must attend with their organizational team.**

## PHASE 3: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019  FINAL DESIGN & FUNDING

**October**
*Cohort Design Session 2*, hosted in partnership with Reimagine America’s Schools (date TBD).

- **All cohort finalists must attend with their organizational team.**

**November 29**
Grant funds awarded to cohort finalists who have successfully completed all Phase 2 and Phase 3 activities.

**Early November**
*Cohort Design Session 3*, hosted by Remake Learning (date TBD).

- **All cohort finalists must attend with their organizational team.**
- **All cohort finalists must submit their design session deliverables and final application to Remake Learning.**

**December**
Grantees showcase their work at the 2019 Remake Learning Assembly.
PARTNERSHIPS

Blueprint for Learning will bring together local, regional, and national partners and experts - including the National Design Alliance and Reimagine America’s Schools - throughout the grant process. Partners will share state-of-the-art approaches to the redevelopment of learning spaces, applicable research, and asset-oriented examples from our region at the following events:

**The Space Design Summit**, a public event that will help prospective applicants better understand the thinking, design, and implementation of Blueprint for Learning projects.

**Cohort design sessions**, a series open only to cohort finalists and facilitated by Remake Learning and Reimagine America’s Schools. The sessions will inform and guide members’ final deliverables and explore related topics in space design.

DESIGN SESSIONS

*Reimagine America’s Schools* (reimagineschools.us) will lead the Blueprint for Learning cohort finalists through a series of team-based design sessions in fall 2019. **Design sessions will require a total time commitment of approximately 30-35 hours.**

Sessions will cover the following topics:

- Partnerships and the network effect *(September)*
- Operating as a hub and distinctions between “design” and “stuff” *(October)*
- Peer review and development of final deliverables *(November)*

PREFERENCES

Preference will be given to projects that engage, uplift, and involve learners most impacted by poverty; learners of color; learners in rural areas, girls in STEM; and/or learners with exceptionalities. Preference will also be given to organizational teams that include a person under the age of 24.
ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Blueprint for Learning grant, applicants must be:

• A 501(c) nonprofit organization, school district, or fiscally sponsored project
• Established for at least one year
• A member of the Remake Learning network (and therefore located in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, or Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania, or in North-central West Virginia). Become a member in 8 minutes or less at remakelearning.org/add/member.

Submit your Letter of Intent at remakelearning.org/grants by July 31, 2019. For questions, please email apply@remakelearning.org.

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